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1. LAST WEEK S U.S. SENATE VOTE TO FREE THE 17.7 MILLION DOLS IN IMPOUNDED GARRISON FUNDS HAS ELICITED ONLY MODERATE LOCAL REACTION. MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT MINISTER BRIAN RAMSON REITERATED THE GENERAL SATISFACTION EXPRESSED BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA OVER THE VOTE, ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT QUOTE IT WAS THE MOST WE COULD REASONABLY HAVE EXPECTED UNQUOTE.
 2. FORMER MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT MINISTER SYDNEY GREEN VOICED THE NDP OPPOSITION S VIEWS THAT THE SENATE ACTION WAS STILL A U.S. DOMESTIC MATTER WHICH HOLDS NO IMMEDIATE SIGNIFIGANCE FOR MANITOBA. HE REAFFIRMED HIS PARTY S FAITH IN THE IJC S GARRISON RECOMMENDATIONS AND WARNED THAT MANITOBANS ARE MAKING A SERIOUS MISTAKE IF THEY THINK THEY CAN STOP U.S. PROJECTS THAT DO NOT AFFECT CANADA. MR. GREEN ADDED THAT IF CANADIANS SUCCESSFULLY HALTED SUCH PROJECTS QUOTE THEN THOSE HYPER ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO THINK THEY CAN STOP PROGRAMS ALL OVER THE WORLD WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD UNQUOTE.
 3. A WINNIPEG FREE PRESS EDITORIAL SOUNDED A VARIATION ON THE GREEN THEME: THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WILL NOT BE HAPPY BUT ALL IS NOT LOST.
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NOTING THAT THE PRESENT SENATE VOTE DOES NOT PERMIT RESUMPTION OF WORK ON THE LONETREE DAM AND RESEVOIR, THE FREE PRESS BELIEVES THE CONGRESS MAY BE PLANNING A TWO-JAB OFFENSIVE ON GARRISON. IN WHAT CAN BE CONSIDERED TACIT PRAISE FOR THE LYON LETTERS, THE FREE PRESS URGES RENEWED CANADIAN PRESSURE TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO SETTLE FOR GARRISON WITH LONETREE.

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